THE CLAIMS

1. to 4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a receiver that receives an ending instruction from a user for instructing the apparatus to terminate use of the apparatus by the user;

a search unit that searches for a pending task to be performed by the user within a predetermined timeframe when said receiver receives the ending instruction from the user; and

a notifier that notifies the user of the pending task to be performed within the predetermined timeframe when the pending task is found by said search unit.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a receiver that receives an ending instruction from a user for instructing the apparatus to terminate a use of the apparatus by the user;

an inferring unit that infers a destination of a user based on a user's schedule when said receiver receives the ending instruction from the user;

a search unit that searches for a pending task relevant to the inferred

destination of the user when said receiver receives the ending instruction from the user; and

a notifier that notifies the user of the pending task relevant to the destination

of the user.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus,

comprising:

a receiver that receives an ending instruction from a user for instructing the

apparatus to terminate a use of the apparatus by the user;

an inferring unit that infers a person with whom the user is scheduled to

meet based on a user's schedule when said receiver receives the ending instruction from

the user;

a search unit that searches for a pending task relevant to the person with

whom the user is scheduled to meet when said receiver receives the ending instruction

from the user; and

a notifier that notifies the user of the pending task relevant to the person

with whom the user is scheduled to meet.

10. to 14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) An information processing method, comprising the steps of:

a receiving step of receiving an ending instruction from a user for instructing an information processing apparatus to terminate a use of the information processing apparatus by the user;

a searching step of searching for a pending task to be performed by the user within a predetermined timeframe when said receiving step receives the ending instruction from the user; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task to be performed within the predetermined time when the pending task is found in said searching step.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) An information processing method, comprising the steps of:

a receiving step of receiving an ending instruction from a user for instructing an information processing apparatus to terminate a use of the information processing apparatus by the user;

an inferring step of inferring a destination of a user based on a user's schedule when said receiving step receives the ending instruction from the user;

a searching step of searching for a pending task relevant to the inferred

destination of the user when said receiving step receives the ending instruction from the

user; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task relevant to the

destination of the user.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) An information processing method, comprising

the steps of:

a receiving step of receiving an ending instruction from a user for

instructing an information processing apparatus to terminate a use of the information

processing apparatus by the user;

an inferring step of inferring a person with whom the user is scheduled to

meet based on a user's schedule when said receiving step receives the ending instruction

from the user;

a searching step of searching for a pending task relevant to the person with

whom the user is scheduled to meet when said receiving step receives the ending

instruction from the user; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task relevant to the

person with whom the user is scheduled to meet.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for controlling a computer, the program comprising the steps of:

a receiving step of receiving an ending instruction from a user for instructing an information processing apparatus to terminate a use of the information processing apparatus by the user;

a searching step of searching for a pending task to be performed by the user within a predetermined timeframe when said receiving step receives the ending instruction from the user; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task to be performed within the predetermined timeframe when the pending task is found in said searching step.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a schedule storage, for storing a plurality of pending tasks;

an entry adder, that adds a new task to said schedule storage;

a search unit that searches said schedule storage for a previously scheduled pending task relevant to the new task when said entry adder adds the new task; and

a notifier that notifies a user of the pending task relevant to the new task.

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24. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said search unit searches a pending task relevant to a location where the new task is to be performed.

25. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said search unit searches a pending task relevant to a person related to the new task.

26. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said search unit searches a pending task to be performed subsequent to the new task.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) An information processing method, comprising the steps of:

an addition step, of adding a new task to a schedule memory for storing a plurality of pending tasks;

a search step, of searching the schedule memory for a previously scheduled pending task relevant to the new task when said entry adder adds the new task; and

a notification step, of notifying a user of the pending task relevant to the new task.

29. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to Claim 28, wherein, in said search step, a search is performed for a pending task relevant to a location where the new task is to be performed.

30. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to Claim 28, wherein, in said search step, a search is performed for a pending task relevant to a person related to the new task.

31. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to Claim 28, wherein, in said search step, a search is performed for a pending task to be performed subsequent to the new task.

32. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for controlling a computer, the program comprising codes for permitting the computer to perform the steps of:

an addition step, of adding a new task to a schedule memory for storing a plurality of pending tasks;

a search step, of searching the schedule memory for a previously scheduled pending task relevant to the new task when said entry adder adds the new task; and

a notification step, of notifying a user of the pending task relevant to the new task.